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**REMARKS**

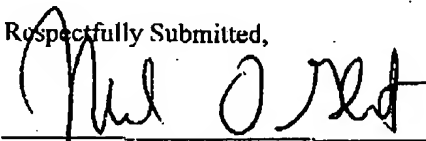
Applicants hereby request further examination and reconsideration of the application, in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claims 1-6 are hereby cancelled removing any Examiner's rejections.

Examiner Objected to Claims 7-8 as being dependent on a rejected base claim. However, they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form, while Claim 8 is dependent on the original Claim 7. Claims 13, 14 and 15 have been amended to correct grammatical errors and/or to conform to Patent Office rules. Claims 16 and 17 have been amended to remove redundant limitations.

Claims 9-17 are allowed.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections are requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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